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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION STOESSEL STATEMENT

1. ASST. SEC. STOESSEL' STATEMENT THURSDAY ON
U. S.- SWEDISH RELATIONS SUBJECT OF PROMINENT COVERAGE
ALL MEDIA FRIDAY. GENERAL INTERPRETATION IS THAT
U. S. IS, IN EFFECT, INDICATING ACTIVE INTEREST IN
RETURN TO NORMAL RELATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. TYPICAL
TREATMENT IS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AFTONBLADET HEADLINE:
" U. S. WANTS CLOSER RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN AGAIN," AND
SUB- HEAD: " AMERICAN STATE DEPT INDICATED LAST NIGHT
A WISH TO QUOTE NORMALIZE RELATIONS END QUOTE WITH
SWEDEN IF WE TAKE THE FIRST STEP."

2. INTERVIEWED IN MASS CIRCULATION LIBERAL EXPRESSE,
AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE YNGVE MOLLER IS QUOTED AS SAYING:
" IT IS LOVELY THATTHIS PARENTHESIS WILL SOON BE
OVER." PAPER ADDED THAT SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
INTERPRETS STOESSEL STATEMENT TO MEAN THAT " U. S.
STILL EXPECTS SOME SORT OF APOLOGY FOR PRIME MINISTER
OLOF PALME' S HARSH CRITICISM LAST CHRISTMAS:" MOLLER,
HOWEVER, IS QUOTED AS REPLYING THAT " IT JUST DOESN' T
WORK THAT WAY IN DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES." HE ADDED THAT
HE COULD BE READY TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON " IN A COUPLE
OF WEEKS."

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